

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/490,336

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to July 20, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9 and 19-28.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 24 January 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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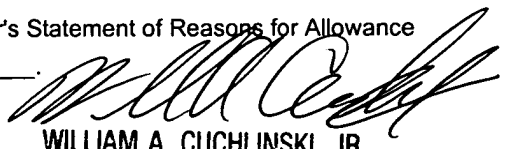
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Reasons for allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
2. Claims 1-9, and 19-28 are allowed in response to applicant's persuasive arguments.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the prior art teach or suggest a method for connecting two locations on a network utilizing a pointing device at the first location interconnected to a user's computer at the second location comprising the steps of: the input device can sense both position data of an external surface that is related to an optical indicator on a user display associated with the first computer to indicate the relative position on of the input device to the external surface when the first application program is running in the foreground, and detect optical indicia of the product from displayed indicia on an external optical indicia surface containing a product ID in combination of detecting the optical indicia associated with the product information access program, the product information access program operable to access a second computer disposed on the network in response to the detection of the optical indicia of the product with the input device, performing a lookup operation at the second computer to match the product ID with routing information of each of a plurality of vendor

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servers disposed on the network which the vendor servers having unique product-related information of the product, returning the routing information of the vendor servers from the second computer to the first computer in order to access the vendor servers, and accessing the vendor servers in accordance with the routing information to return the product-related information to the first computer for simultaneous presentation to the user on the display. These are significant limitation since world-wide access presented by the Internet and increasing number of companies connecting to perform on-line E-commerce necessitates a large database.

4. All dependent claims further limit the independent claim. Therefore, they are also allowed.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiries concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Tammy T. Nguyen** who may be reached via telephone at **(703) 305-7982**. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. eastern standard time.


If you need to send the Examiner, a facsimile transmission regarding this

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instant application, please send it to (703) 872-9306. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's Supervisor, Bill Cuchlinski, may be reached at (703) 308-3873.

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